(b) whether it is a fact that the Government of Kerala has been persistently demanding an increase in the quantum of allocation of rice;

(c) if so, what is the extent of the gap between the demand and the allocation; and

(d) what steps Government have taken to meet the request of that State?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) and (c) A total quantity of 6,60,000 tonnes of rice was allocated to the Government of Kerala for public distribution during the period from January, 1984, to June, 1984, the monthly allocation being 1,10,000 tonnes against their demand of 1,35,000 tonnes.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(d) It has been decided to allot an additional quantity of 10,000 tonnes of rice per month on ad-hoc basis to Kerala over and above their normal monthly allocation of 1,10,000 tonnes during the period from July, 1984 to September, 1984. The allocations from the Central Pool are, however, only supplemental in nature to open market availability.

Metro Railway, Calcutta

384. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the progress made in regard to the Calcutta Metro Railway in physical and financial terms; and

(b) whether the reserved time schedule for commissioning of the project is likely to be maintained?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) (i) Physical progress upto end of June, 1984 is 48.6 per cent.

(ii) About Rs. 248 crores have been spent upto end of June, 1948.

(b) The date of completion of the project will depend upon the availability of funds in the 7th Five Year Plan.

एडमान्स ग्लास वर्क्स फिरोजाबाद को कोयले की सप्लाई

385. **श्री हुक्मदेव नारायण यादव**: क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान एडमान्स ग्लास वर्क्स, फिरोजाबाद उत्तर प्रदेश को रेलों के माध्यम से कितनी मात्रा में कोयले की सप्लाई की गई है?

रेल मंत्री (श्री ए० बी० ए० गनी खान चौधरी): फिरोजाबाद में एडमान्स ग्लास वर्क्स नाम की कोई यूनिट नहीं है, जो रेलों द्वारा कोयला ले रही है।

New Rail Projects in West Bengal

386. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the new working projects either for extension of tracks or for conversion of M.G. to B.G. taken up urgently in West Bengal;

(b) what are the lengths of these tracks and since when they have been under construction; and

(c) by when these projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY):

(a) to (c) The details of projects in progress in West Bengal are indicated below:

Sl No.	Name of Project	Length (Kms.)	Year of approval	Target for completion
1	New B.G. Rail line from Howrah to Amta—including Bargachia-Champadanga.	78.53	74-75	Sartragachi-Domjur (16 Kms.) completed and opened on 22-4-84. Domjur-Bargachia (7.94 Kms.) likely to be completed in 1984. No target date has been fixed for completion of the remaining portion, in view of severe constraint of resources.
2	New B.G. rail line from Horwah to Sheakhala	17	72-73	Work could not be taken up due to constraint of resources.
3	New B.G. line from Budge-Budge to Namkhana including Laxmikantpur-Kulpi link.	100.39	81-82	Work could not be taken up so far due to severe constraint of resources.
4	New B.G. rail line from Eklakhi to Balurghat.	90.56	83-84	No target date has been fixed, and will depend upon availability of resources.
5	New B.G. rail line from Tamluk to Digha.	87.5	84-85	No target date has been fixed so far, and will depend upon availability of resources.

Ban on cigarette advertisement

387. SHRI O. J. JOSEPH:
SHRI K. CHATHUNNI MASTER:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the statutory warning against smoking on the cigarette packs has resulted in any reduction in their use by the smokers;

(b) if so, to what extent;

(c) whether Government are aware that the smoke-screen of advertisements by the cigarette companies presenting the cigarette as a symbol of freedom, independence, athleticism, youth and economic and social success, is circumventing the purpose of the statutory warning against their use;

(d) whether Government propose to consider ban cigarette advertisements such as it has been done in some other countries;

(e) if so, by when such a ban is expected to be imposed; and

(f) if the answer to part (d) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) and (b) No such survey has been conducted so far.

(c) to (f) In accordance with the provisions of Cigarette (Regulation of Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 1975, the manufacturers are required to display in every cigarette packet|advertisement|hoarding the statutory warning: "Cigarette Smoking is injurious to health".

It has already been decided that the All India Radio, Doordharsan, Sports Stadias would not accept any advertisements which encourage smoking.